

THEME: THE HOLY SPIRIT

TOPIC: THE HOLY SPIRIT'S ANOINTING OVER THE INDIVIDUAL CHRISTIAN'S LIFE.

TEXT: 2 CORINTHIANS 1:21-22; ACTS 10:38; ROMANS 8:9-12

INTRODUCTION

There are situations or circumstances in life that sometimes make us feel inadequate or lack confidence, you might feel you don't have the skills and talents that others do and that can make one feel somewhat inferior.

Today we would like to establish that as Christ follower you have nothing to feel inferior about, simply because you have been chosen by God to serve a purpose and that makes you somebody in the eyes of God.

In the Old Testament the word anointed was used in a symbolic way to describe someone chosen by God (King, Prophet Priest). But in the New Testament the word is used to describe each and every one of us who are Christians – 2 Corinthians 2:20-21.

1. God has given us the Ability to Stand Firm.

Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. – 2 Corinthians 1:21

Q: Give some practical examples of how the Holy Spirit helps us to stand firm in our faith and walk with the Lord.

2. God has Set Us Apart for Service.

I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being – **Ephesians 3:16**

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us – **Ephesians 3:20**

Q: What difference does the Holy Spirit make in our service for the Kingdom?

3. God has placed His Seal of Ownership upon Us.

(God has) set his seal of ownership on us – **2 Corinthians 1:22a**

And you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit – **Ephesians 1:13**

Q: How do you feel knowing you've been marked and sealed by the Holy Spirit?

4. God has Given Us a Guarantee for the Future.

(God has) put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come – **2 Corinthians 1:22b**

Now it is God who has made us for this very purpose and has given us the Spirit as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come – **2 Corinthians 5:5**

Q: What does the knowledge of the future guarantee does for our peace and confidence in God?

Conclusion

When you believed in Christ, he identified you as his own by giving you the Holy Spirit, whom he promised long ago. The Spirit is God's guarantee that he will give us everything he promised and that he has purchased us to be his own people – **Ephesians 1:13b-14a**

Prayer

Pray for the anointing that will make you a commander in the things of the Spirit and enable you to operate beyond human expectation. Thank God for His divine enablement.